

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of transmitting and receiving image information by a sending mobile phone having a memory and utilizing a short message service (SMS), the method comprising the steps of:

selecting an image file out of a list of one or more image files stored on the sending mobile phone;

displaying the selected image file on a display of the mobile phone;

accepting information about a receiving mobile phone to which the image file selected by a user is to be transmitted;

transmitting an SMS message having data of the image file and header information for indicating to the receiving mobile phone that the message is an image message;

receiving the transmitted SMS message having data of the image file and the header information in the receiving mobile phone having memory for storing image files;

alerting the user and displaying a predetermined icon for SMS message having data of the image file if the header information indicates the image message, and temporarily storing the data of the image file in the memory; and

storing the image file after viewing the image file and assigning it a name in accordance with a receiving user-request. ~~requests.~~

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting the image file in a plurality of successive SMS messages if the data amount of the image file exceeds the user data amount allowed for one SMS message.

3-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the image file to be stored can be managed in a separate image folder.